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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PAK TO PRESIDENT FORD ON ROK UN
MEMBERSHIP

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1. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION OF LETTER
BEING SENT BY PRESIDENT PAK TO PRESIDENT FORD URGING US
SUPPORT FOR LINKAGE OF ROK AND VIETNAMESE UN MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATIONS. (REFTEL).

2. BEGIN TEXT: EXCELLENCY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATIONS
RECENTLY FILED BY SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM FOR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE UNITED NATIONS, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE
LONG PENDING QUESTION OF ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA INTO THE UNITED NATIONS.

AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS WELL AWARE, THE APPLICATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR MEMBERSHIP WAS CONSIDERED BY
THE SECURITY COUNCIL FIRST IN 1949, THEN IN 1955, 1957 AND 1958.
ON EACH OCCASION, HOWEVER, THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA INTO THE WORLD ORGANIZATION WAS NOT REALIZED, DESPITE
A MAJORITY SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
DUE TO THE VETO EXERCISED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

HAVING GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE RECENT
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DEVELOPMENT IN AND AROUND THE KOREAN PENINSULA, I
PROPOSED IN MY SPECIAL STATEMENT ON THE NEW
FOREIGN POLICY ON JUNE 23, 1973 THAT BOTH THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA AND NORTH KOREA BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE

UNITED NATIONS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE PENDING UNIFICATION, A REALISTIC STEP TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE PEACE IN THIS AREA AND HELP CREATE FOUNDATION FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT AND ALSO RECEIVED SUPPORT OF A MAJORITY OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEING EXPECTED TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS OF SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP AT THE SAME TIME THE PENDING APPLICATIONS OF BOTH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND NORTH KOREA TO ALLOW THEM TO ENTER THE WORLD ORGANIZATION OR, IF NORTH KOREA CONTINUES TO OPPOSE ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS, TO ADMIT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALONE INTO THE ORGANIZATION WHILE OPENING THE DOOR TO NORTH KOREA FOR ITS ADMISSION.

IN ORDER TO REALIZE THE ADMISSION OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MY GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE ITS STRONG WISH KNOWN TO THE OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT THE APPLICATIONS OF SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS FIRM INTENTION TO OPPOSE THE ADMISSION OF TWO VIETNAMS UNLESS THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS ALSO ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY GOVERNMENT HAS STRONG RESERVATION ON WHETHER THE TWO VIETNAMESE APPLICATIONS ARE FULLY QUALIFIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED A LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAT BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH VIETNAM OVERTHREW THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON BY FORCE IN VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

IN OUR VIEW, THE DUAL MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTH AND NORTH
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KOREA IN THE UNITED NATIONS NOT ONLY CONFORMS WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY BUT ALSO HAS IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE PREVENTION OF RENEWED WAR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DURABLE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. I THEREFORE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST RESPECTFULLY THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT WOULD RENDER FULL SUPPORT TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA AS WELL AS THE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

/SIGNED/ PARK CHUNG HEE.
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